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For: **A WARMING APPARATUS WITH AN INFLATABLE COVER AND AN
INLET PORT PLUG**

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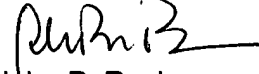
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title Page, Page 1

column 1, title, add the word "A" in front of the word "WARMING".

Under the heading ABSTRACT,

Replace "The present invention is a method and apparatus for conveniently and removably sealing inlet ports within an inflatable thermal blanket. In accordance with the present invention a generally planar sheet of material having a plurality of resilient side extensions extending from a central body is used to close an inlet port within an inflatable thermal blanket. In accordance with the preferred invention, the generally circular portion of the central body has a diameter which is slightly smaller than the diameter of the inlet port. Preferably, for extensions extend from the central body each extension being generally circular. Each extension is preferably formed from the same material used to form the central body, and is sufficiently resilient to be easily flexed and to return to an essentially coplanar sheet when released. In accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention, one such extension is inserted into the inlet port, the central body and opposing extension are then bent to allow the opposing extension to be inserted into the inlet port. The result is two opposing extensions extending beyond the diameter of the inlet port at the interior of the port, and two opposing extensions extending beyond the diameter of the inlet port at the exterior of the port."

With "An apparatus for warming a person includes an inflatable cover having two inlet ports, and a plug removably received in one of the ports. With the plug received in the one port, the cover can be inflated by way of the port without the plug."

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Column 2, line 33 through Column 3, line 7

Replace "The present invention is a method and apparatus for conveniently and removably closing open inlet ports within an inflatable thermal blanket. In accordance with the present invention, an inlet port plug includes a generally planar sheet of material which is flexible and/or resilient. The planar sheet has a shape that, with flexure of the sheet, is partially receivable within the opening of an inlet port and, with unflexing of the sheet, is retained in the opening by one or more extensions that engage the periphery of the opening. In one preferred embodiment, a generally circular sheet of material forming a central body and having a plurality of resilient side extensions extending therefrom is used to close an inlet port within a thermal blanket. In accordance with this embodiment, the central body has a diameter which is slightly smaller than the diameter of the inlet port. Preferably, four extensions extend from the central body, each extension having a generally curved or rounded periphery. Each extension is preferably formed from the same material used to form the central body, and both the central body and the extensions are sufficiently resilient to be easily flexed and to return to an essentially planar sheet when released. In accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention, once such extension is inserted into the inlet port, the central body and a second, preferably opposing extension are then bent to allow the second extension to be inserted into the inlet port. The result is two opposing extensions extending beyond the diameter of the inlet port at the interior of the port, which engage an inside surface of the inlet port, and two opposing extensions extending beyond the diameter of the inlet port at the exterior of the port. The present invention may be removed from the inlet port by placing a finger under one of the extensions at the exterior of the inlet port and causing the central body to generally bend outwardly from the port. The present invention may be inserted and removed many times without significant detrimental impact to either the port or the invention. The details of the preferred embodiment of the present invention are set forth in the accompanying drawings and the description below. Once the details of the invention are known, numerous additional innovations and changes will become obvious to one skilled in the art."

With "An apparatus to warm a person includes an inflatable cover that can be disposed on a portion of the person's body. Two inlet ports are provided in the inflatable cover and plug is removably received in at least one port of the two ports. The plug may have a planar central body and a plurality of extensions that are coplanar with the central body and which extend from the central body, at least two of which are receivable in the one port. Alternatively, the plug includes a flange, a substantially vertical ring-like wall receivable in the one port, and at least two protuberances which extend from the substantially vertical ring-like wall to resist removal of the plug from the one port."

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